

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/594,403
Confirmation No. : 1940
Applicants : *Christopher J. Caspers et al.*
Filed : *September 26, 2006*
Title : *Wagering Game Providing Free Game Play As A Progressive Award*
TC/A.U. : 3714
Examiner : *Ross A. Williams*
Docket No. : 247079-000254USPX
Customer No. : 70243

RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 19, 2008

Mail Stop Amendment - via EFS Web
Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

This is in response to the First Office Action dated December 19, 2008. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, *i.e.*, by March 19, 2009. This response is being filed within one month of that time period, *i.e.*, by April 19, 2009. Please enter the following claim amendments and remarks into the record for this application.

The Applicants **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

The Applicants **Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.